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Introduction:

1. We have been studying a series entitled: "WORSHIP"
2. Lessons thus far: Prayer, Singing, Why not Mech. Instru.?, Lord's Supper, Giving.
3. This lesson involves the fifth avenue or path of Worship: Teaching.

I. GOD HAS EXPECTED (COMMANDED) HIS PEOPLE IN EVERY AGE TO TEACH:

- A. Under the Law of Moses: Deut 4:9-10; 6:4-9; 11:18-20.
We should do even more with a better covenant.
- B. During the prophets: Ezra. 7:10, 25; Isa. 54:13
- C. During personal ministry of Christ: Mt 5:1-2; Mt. 7:28-29; Acts 1:1
- D. After the resurrection of Christ: Mt. 28:18-20; Acts 5:42; 15:35
- E. In our age: Eph 4:11; 1 Cor 12:28; 2 Tim. 2:2; Heb. 5:12.

II. God tells us what He wants taught: (It is not enough just to teach SOMETHING)

- A. Whatsoever Jesus commanded: Mt. 17:5; Mt. 28:18-20
 1. The word of the Lord: Jn 14:26; Acts 15:35
 2. The oracles of God: 1 Pet 4:11
 3. Things becoming to sound doctrine: Titus 2:1
 4. Things such as Timothy received from Paul: 1 Tim 4:11-16; 2 Tim 2:2
- B. Not anything not commanded by Jesus: (NEGATIVE)
 1. As precepts of men: Mt 15:9
 2. Fables: 2 Tim 4:7; 2 Tim 4:3-4
 3. A perverted gospel: Gal 1:6-10

III. HOW are we to teach?

A. The manner of teaching

1. With Authority: Mt 7:28-29; Acts 1:8 - *we should never apologize for the truth of the gospel.*
2. Accurately and effectively: 2 Tim 2:15; 3:16-17
3. Continuously: 2 Tim 4:1-4; 1 Tim 4:13

B. Methods and Places of teaching:

1. In the home: Eph 6:4; 2 Tim. 3:15
2. In private dwellings: Acts 18:7-8; Acts 28:30,31
3. From house to house and publicly: Acts 5:42; 15:35; 20:20
4. In the marketplace: Acts 17:17
5. In places of worship: Acts 17:17; Acts 19:8

IV. The objective of effective teaching:

- A. That children might be properly trained: Eph. 6:4
- B. That people taught of God may learn and come to Christ: Jn 6:44-45

C. That "babes" at first requiring "milk" may come to be fullgrown men capable of discerning good from evil: 1 Pet. 2:1-2; Heb 5:14

D. That all may be built up unto "the inheritance among all them that are sanctified": Jas. 1:21; Acts 20:32.

V. Practical Observations:

1. Before we can teach others we must do one thing--Study ourselves

2. Do we as members study as we should?

Or, it is only when we come to classes or worship that we read from Bible

Illustration: Son: "Mother, isn't this God's Book?"

Mother: "Yes, son it is."

Son: "Well don't you think we had better sent it back, we never use it."

3. I couldn't teach you to cook if I were not able to even boil water.

4. But, buildings are built and preachers hired. That is fine!! But, this does not say we individually can stop. We may support someone to give full time to teaching, but it does not remove my obligation as a child of God to increase my knowledge and to share it with others.

5. We must go out and teach:

Medicine is good for sick children, but not too often do they come and ask for it. In fact, usually they refuse and reject it.

So also, the gospel is good for people, but they do not very often come in search for it.

The Lord said, "Go" and GO we must.

The Liar will not come and say "Teach me not to lie," etc. drunkard, sinners

6. Personal evangelism has become a lost art.

Conclusion:

1. John 6:44-45. To come to Christ one must be TAUGHT.
2. And teaching falls within the responsibility of each of God's children.
3. Have you never responded to Christ?
4. If not, listen to what Christ says and respond in obedience to His every command.